

STRAINING A FRIENDSHIP.

A Story Which Snapped the Bonds That United Two Sweet Young Things.

They were standing at the counter, and I couldn't help but hear.

"Talk about hard luck," said the girl with the hot chocolate. "I know a woman who had an awful thing happen to her over in New York."

"Oh, do tell me about it," gurgled the girl with the ice cream soda.

"Well," went on the chocolate girl, "she's not wealthy at all, you know, and she doesn't live in a nurse. So, one day, when she had to go down town shopping, she took her baby and left it at one of those day nursery creche places. They gave her a check for it, and she went off shopping. She didn't come back to the creche till late in the afternoon, and when she went to take out the check it was gone."

"Good gracious!" said the girl with the ice cream soda, looking shocked. "What did she do?"

"Well," went on the chocolate girl, "they told her she couldn't take the baby without a check, and she'd have to wait till the other babies were taken away, and then she could have what was left. So she waited for hours and hours, till all the babies were gone but one, and when she went to get that—well, the only baby left was a colored baby."

"Oh, how perfectly awful!" exclaimed the girl with the ice cream soda, in accents of horror. "What did she do? Wasn't she perfectly frantic? My goodness, how horrible! Didn't she ever get her baby back again? I should think she'd have been perfectly crazy. What did she do?"

"Oh, said the chocolate girl, coolly, "she took the colored baby. It was hers. She was colored, you know."

And in the silence which followed, I could hear the snapping of the bonds of a tender and lifelong friendship.—Washington Post.

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"Some young men," remarked the observer of men and things, "have such dazzling futures that they can't see where they are stepping."—Detroit Journal.

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A HISTORIC PAPER.

McKinley Issues Orders Instructing Gen. Shafter in the Santiago Government—New Epoch in History.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—A state paper that will be historic, marking an epoch in American history, was issued Monday night by direction of President McKinley.

By order of Secretary Alger, Gen. Corbin Monday night cabled the document to Gen. Shafter, in command of the military forces at Santiago. The paper is not only an authorization and instruction of Gen. Shafter for the government of the captured territory, but also a proclamation to the people of the territory of the intentions of the government of the United States regarding them and their interests. It marks the formal establishment of a new political power in the island of Cuba and insures to the people of the territory over which the power extends absolute security in the exercise of their private rights and relations, as well as security to their persons and property.

The first effect of the military occupation of the enemy's territory is the severance of the former political relations of the inhabitants, and the establishment of a new political power. Under this changed condition of things, the inhabitants so long as they perform their duties, are entitled to security in their persons and property and in all their private rights and relations.

The United States does not make war upon the inhabitants of Cuba, nor upon any party or faction among them, but to protect them in their homes, in their employments and in their personal and religious rights. All persons who, either by active aid or by honest submission, co-operate with the United States in its efforts to give effect to this beneficent purpose, will receive the reward of its support and protection.

Though the powers of the military occupant are absolute and supreme, and immediately operate upon the political condition of the inhabitants, the municipal laws of the conquered territory, such as affect private rights of person and property, and provide for the punishment of crime are considered as continuing in force, so far as they are compatible with the new order of things, until they are suspended or superseded by the occupying belligerent, and in practice they are not usually abrogated, but are allowed to remain in force and to be administered by the ordinary tribunal, substantially as they were before the occupation.

It is conceded that all public funds and securities belonging to the government of the country in its own right, and all arms and supplies and other movable property of such government, may be seized by the military occupant and converted to his own use. The real property of the state he may hold and administer, at the same time enjoying the revenues thereof, but he is not to destroy it, save in the case of military necessity. All public means of transportation, such as telegraph lines, cables, railways and boats belonging to the state may be appropriated to his use, but, unless in case of military necessity, they are not to be destroyed.

All churches and buildings devoted to religious worship and to the arts and sciences, all school houses, are, so far as possible, to be protected and all destruction or intentional defacement of such places of historical monuments or archives or of works of science or art is prohibited, save when required by urgent military necessity.

As the result of military occupation, the taxes and duties payable by the inhabitants to the former government become payable to the military occupant, unless he sees fit to substitute for them other rates or modes of contribution to the expenses of the government. The moneys so collected are to be used for the purpose of paying the expenses of government under the military occupation, such as the salaries of the judges and the police, and for the payment of the expenses of the army.

Private property taken for the use of the army is to be paid for when possible in cash at a fair valuation and when payments in cash is not possible, receipts are to be given.

All ports and places in Cuba which may be in the actual possession of our land and naval forces will be opened to the commerce of all neutral nations, as well as our own, in articles not contraband of war, upon payment of the prescribed rates of duty which may be in force at the time of the importation.

Poor Diggings in Copper River. SEATTLE, Wash., July 19.—Over 100 Copper river miners have arrived here from Port Valdes. They found no gold in quantity sufficient to pay for working. Capt. Erickson, of the Protection, reports Valdes crowded with men wanting to return.

Bombardment of Manzanillo. LONDON, July 19.—A special dispatch from Havana, dated Monday, says: "Seven American warships heavily bombarded Manzanillo this morning. Three steamers of the Menendez line were set on fire. Several gunboats that were in the harbor issued for the defense of the town, but were stranded. The result of the bombardment is not yet known here."

The commissioner of internal revenue has held that receipts used as checks to draw money from banks are subject to the stamp tax.

EXTRACTING THE YOUNG IDEA.

The Infant Mind Is One of the Profound Mysteries of Nature—Some Instances.

Two events of one day convinced a young lady of Piety Hill that the infant mind is one of the most profound mysteries of nature. It was her first effort with a class of little Sunday school children, and after talking with them in her most impressive way for half an hour she asked her precious charges what they thought of their lessons. One little girl with golden hair and great blue eyes such as artists love to reproduce in themes divine indicated a desire to speak.

"What is it, my dear?"

"Miss Earnest, if you lived to be a hundred years old you'd never have a prettier hat than the one what you got on now."

The second developed later in the day. She told the little ones that they must not let the weeds grow up in their hearts, for they were the weeds of sin and worse than death. One fat cherub who had never known what it was to be sick set up a howl as soon as he reached home. Being short on a knowledge of anatomy he sat holding his digestive apparatus and declaring that the weeds growing in his heart were "a most killin'!" him. Ignorant of the cause of alarm, the terrified parents kept the telephone wires hot till they secured the presence of three doctors who were quickly followed by others who had not been in when called. While the others were gravely consulting, one shrewd practitioner extracted the story of the Sunday school lesson and administered a dose of sugar and water. Ten minutes later the little fellow was telling how near he came to dying, while he was eating enough for a harvest hand.—Detroit Free Press.

Paris Expositions. Paris' 1900 exhibition will be the sixteenth held in the city. The site of the first, in 1798, was the Champ de Mars, where 110 exhibitors showed their wares in wooden booths and 25 medals were awarded. Three successively large exhibitions followed in the Louvre in 1801, 1802 and 1809. Under the restoration there were exhibitions in 1819, 1822 and 1827, also in the Louvre. They became more popular under Louis Philippe, the number of exhibitors making it necessary to use first the Place du Carrousel, and in 1839 and 1844 the Champs Elysees. The 1849 exhibition in the Champs Elysees required 2,200 square meters of space and cost \$120,000. The first international exhibition, in 1855, brought about the construction of the Palais de l'Industrie, that has just been torn down, which was used for the 1867 exhibition. The 1875 exhibition, with 52,835 exhibitors and 16,000,000 visitors, and that of 1889, with 55,486 exhibitors and 32,500,000 visitors, were held on the Champs de Mars.—N. Y. Sun.

To Wash Silk Stockings. Silk stockings should be washed and rinsed only in lukewarm water. Wring the stockings out between towels and press under mangle. Silk underwear is best washed by soaking in lukewarm water for 15 minutes, then wring out and wash in lukewarm water. Never put any soap directly on the garment, and it should never be rubbed, merely squeezed gently through the fingers and rinsed through one or two waters, all lukewarm. In the last water put a very little bluing solution and a teaspoonful of liquid gum arabic. Shake well and hang to dry in a smooth condition as possible, pressing lightly under a towel while still slightly wet.—Housewife.

Beyond His Reach. The count became passionate in his pleading.

"Be mine!" he cried. "I have titles and landed estates! I will give you a position in the society in which loyalty moves! Say that I may hope for you!"

She sighed, blushed and shook her head.

"You got into the market too late, count," she said in a business-like way. "It has already been cornered."

The next day her engagement to a young man on the board of trade was announced.—Chicago Post.

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THE DIGNIFIED WOMAN.

She Was a Little Severe on the Curious Woman, But She Was Provoked.

She is a dignified woman, and sometimes she is overpowering. The unwary do not perceive this quickly, however. The dignified woman has been spending some time in one of the hospitals of this city. She went there for rest and quiet. Since she has recovered her health she tells some amusing stories of her experiences. Here is one:

The dignified woman was walking down the hall one day when she was accosted by the curious woman. The curious woman had been wondering about the dignified woman, and she said:

"I beg your pardon, madam, but I would like to know what you have been operated on for?"

"What?" exclaimed the dignified woman. "Well, explained the curious woman, 'my friend in the next room and I have been wondering about you. You walk about the hall with such a light and springy step that we wonder about what kind of an operation you have undergone.'"

The curious woman held her ground. She was determined to know what was the matter with the dignified woman. The dignified woman replied:

"I have not been operated upon yet."

"Oh!" said the curious woman, sympathetically. "No, I am not familiar with operations," said the dignified woman.

The curious woman interrupted: "They are very successful here. Don't be worried."

"I am wondering about an operation on the brain," said the dignified woman, in a very dignified and distant manner. "I wonder if they could operate upon the brain in such a way as to enable people to attend to their own affairs."

The curious woman snorted and walked away in high dudgeon.

The dignified woman was severe, it is true, but she was provoked to it.—St. Louis Republic.

STONE IN HER STOMACH.

From the Gazette, Blandinsville, Ill.

The wife of the Rev. A. R. Adams, pastor of the Bedford Christian Church at Blandinsville, Ill., was for years compelled to live a life of torture from disease. Her case baffled the physicians, but to-day she is alive and well, and tells the story of her recovery as follows:

"About six years ago," said Mrs. Adams, "I weighed about 140 pounds, but my health began to fail and I lost flesh. My food did not agree with me and felt like a stone in my stomach. I began to bloat all over until I thought I had dropped."

"I had pains and soreness in my left side which extended clear across my back and also into the region of my heart. During these spells a hard ridge would appear in the left side of my stomach and around the left side."

"These attacks left me sore and exhausted. All last summer I was so nervous that the children laughing and playing nearly drove me wild. I suffered also from female troubles and doctored with ten different physicians without receiving any help."

"My husband, having read in the newspaper of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, induced me to try them. I began taking them last November, but experienced no relief until I had taken six boxes."

"I am now taking the eleventh box and have been greatly benefited."

"I was also troubled with nervous prostration and numbness of my right arm and hand so that at times I could hardly endure the pain, but that has all passed away. I now have a good appetite and am able to do my own work. Have done more this summer than in the past four years put together. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People cured me and I think it my duty to let other sufferers know it."

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